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RESPONSE TO AN ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicant received an Election/Restriction Requirement date mailed 03/23/2006. Applicant elects the compounds of Group I and if a specific compound is needed for search purposes, Applicant suggests the compound of claim 32. Applicant traverses the requirement for restriction. The compounds of the different groups are not so distinct as to place an undue burden on the Examiner.

Applicant believes that the claims are in order for allowance, early notice of which is requested. If Examiner has any questions concerning this application, Examiner is invited to contact the below-signed attorney. It is believed that no fee is due. However, if there is a fee due, please charge any payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 21-0718.

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